

LITTLE THINGS OF LIFE.

An Epigram by an Irreconcilable
Batcheldor.

ORIGINAL.

Little nothings rule;
Items make a whole;
Earth is but a school;
Man's standard is his soul.

Little sparks of love,
Shot from roguish eyes:
Blessings from above
Batcheldors should prize.

Little things are powers;
Gentleness is strong.
Babies, helpless dears,
Cheer the world along.

Wisdom comes by driblets;
"Too much"—is no blessing.
So those with triplets
Don't mind confessing.

Little scratches give
Most annoying pain;
Heaven sends blessings
Like little drops of rain.

Little words libel;
Little looks betray
Hopes, fears, joys and tears,
Heart magnets, far away.

Little aid to plans
Often brings relief,
Heart answering hands
Steals away grief.

Little bites of insects
Harrow up the soul;
Little drops of whiskey
Drown us in the bowl.

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand;
One fills the ocean,
The other forms the land.

Little sands of life,
Little grains of time,
Legions come from units,
'Tis truth, well as rhyme.

Little bits of paper,
When a note or check
Enslaves obsequious wordlings
To hasten at your beck.

Little flakes of gold,
Hid in flinty rocks,
Entice investments bold,
Deceitful as stocks.

Every breath we draw
Takes noiselessly away
That little part of time
Known as to-day.

Two whistles from the Locomotive ad-
monishes me to "down brakes."

C. W. B.

FROM OMAHA TO CHEYENNE.

The most important stations between
these two points, Omaha and Cheyenne,
distance 516 miles, are as follows:

Elkhorn, 28 miles west, is on the east
bank of Elkhorn river. Its elevation is
1,169 feet. The river is 300 miles long,
and its course southeast. About one-
third of its length is thickly settled by
Germans.

Fremont is 46 miles from Omaha. It
is the county seat of Dodge County, Ne-
braska. The town is situated about
three miles from Platte river, and con-
tains a population of 1,700 to 2,000 people.
The Sioux City and Pacific Railroad
connects here with the Union Pacific.
It is a thriving place, in the midst of a
beautiful country.

North Bend, fifteen miles further west,
is surrounded by a fine agricultural
country, and has a population of about
400.

Schuyler, 75 miles from Omaha, has
also a population of some 400, and the
country surrounding is of the same
character.

Columbus is George Francis Train's
geographical center of the United States.
The capital will be moved here when he
is elected President. It has 800 inhabit-
ants, three churches, and two schools.

Grand Island is a very pretty place, 153
miles out; has a population of 500 or 600,
good hotel, churches, schools, etc. This
is the largest island in the Platte river,
being 80 miles long and 4 wide.

Kearney, 191 miles west of Omaha, has
an elevation of over 2,000 feet, and is
near old Fort Kearney, on the other side
of the Platte. The fort was established
by volunteers of the Mexican war in
1848.

Plum Creek, 230 miles from Omaha, is
only a telegraph and freight station, but
a point of much interest, being the scene
of some of the most fearful Indian mas-
sacres known in our history.

North Platte is a place of a few hun-
dred inhabitants. The railroad compa-
ny here have a round-house and ma-
chine shop; also, a fine hotel.

Julesburg, 377 miles out, once a popu-
lous place, is now almost deserted. It
is four miles north of Fort Sedgwick,
and was once known as the toughest
place in the far west.

Sidney has about 200 inhabitants. It
is 102 miles east of Cheyenne, and a reg-
ular dining station.

There are no other stations of import-
ance now till we reach the magic city of
Cheyenne, a description of which we
shall give to-morrow.

What is that which by adding some-
thing to it makes it smaller, but by ad-
ding nothing to it will grow larger?

Hole in the stocking.

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